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## National Baptist Convention In Session At Philadelphia

### PRES. MORRISON MAKES A PLEA FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

President of Convention Thinks  
Blacks Should Have Repre-  
sentation in Body.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—Woman suffrage was endorsed and a plea for representation in congress of the 10,000,000 negroes in the United States was made in the annual address of Rev. E. C. Morrison, president of the National Baptist convention at the opening session here yesterday. "The capital of our nation," he said, "is a hot-bed of race hatred and from there it will continue to spread to all sections of the country until negro men shall be elected to congress and speak for themselves."

More than five thousand delegates from nearly every state in the union, are in attendance upon the convention.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., September 10.—Like the rushing and roaring of mighty waters were the echoes and applause of delegates to the great National Baptist Convention when the Rev. Richard Henry Boyd D. D., made his two mammoth reports, showing another year of progress in which more than two hundred and four thousand dollars, worth of business had been done by the boards, located in Nashville, Tenn., to the Convention in session here. While this was not a new departure for this great work in the forests of the Baptists throughout the country, magnificent and towering in height as he is, the hundreds of delegates and thousands of spectators that make up the Convention could not perceive how he had accomplished the marvelous progress and the rapid long strides along religious denominational lines in so short a time. This ex-slave who is the founder of the largest Negro printing establishment owned and operated by Negroes in the world, occupied the attention of the Convention for more than two hours. It was conceded at the end of his report that the work of the Baptist Publishing House is not only the backbone, but the bone and sinew of the 2,500,000 men and women who go to make up the constituency of this largest Protestant gathering in the world. There was no feigning at eloquence, no attempt at oratory, but a mere commonplace, business genius, recounting calmly and yet accurately the supreme efforts and the wonderful successes that had been achieved in less than eighteen years by the Negro Baptists at their Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn. These two reports, one the nineteenth annual report of the Home Mission Board and the other the eighteenth annual report of the National Baptist Publishing Board, made by one man, the secretary of both Boards, sounded more like fiction, but came nearer reaching the stage of perfection than any document that has come before this august body. Without any experience save what was gathered from the cruel, cold business world, there has been established and is maintained says this report, at Nashville, Tennessee, an institution that is crowding the half million mark in value where more than a hundred young men and women are employed as skilled laborers, artisans and lights in the literary world. In the Home Mission Board report the summary shows that the missionaries have traveled 47,096 miles; they have written 14,574 letters, and that

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### PATROLMAN R. T. NELSON ARRESTED AFTER HE HAD WOUNDED NEGRO

SAPULPA, Okla., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—"Slim" Nelson, Negro, 26, a local police character was shot and perhaps fatally wounded here this afternoon by Patrolman R. T. Nelson, white, and Nelson is in jail charged with the crime.

Patrolman Nelson went to the Negro district of the city early this afternoon in response to a hurry-up call stating that "Slim" and some other Negroes were creating a disturbance. When the officers arrived he located Nelson and tried to arrest him. The patrolman claims that the Negro drew a knife, and started for him and he shot in self defence.

Shortly after the shooting an investigation was started by Mayor Smith which resulted in the patrolman's badge and gun being taken from him, and he was lodged in the county jail.

The case has created much excitement here, and all sorts of rumors are afloat.

### Negro Physicians Performs Remark- able Operation

WHITE PHYSICIAN OF THIS  
CITY HAD GIVEN UP THE  
JOB IN DESPAIR

Word has been received here of the successful operation by Drs. J. T. Wilson of Memphis, Tenn., and L. H. Johnson of Coweta, both colored, on Mrs. James Cherry of this city who went to Memphis for the operation two weeks ago. The operation was a very difficult one and this feat of surgery has placed those two physicians at the head of their class. Mrs. Cherry is feeling fine and will return home in a few days a much healthier as well as much lighter woman. She will be about 20 pounds lighter than when she left and her waist measurement will be reduced more than two feet. Dr. Butler, a white physician of this city was engaged last year to perform the operation, but after cutting into his patient and seeing what a dangerous and difficult operation it was, refused to go farther, saying the woman would die in less than two hours after an operation. He sewed up the incision, received his money and Mrs. Cherry went on hoping for the best and she found it when she found Dr. L. H. Johnson of Coweta who after examining her told her he could save her life and make her a healthier woman. She consented and he took her to Dr. Wilson's hospital at Memphis and together these two graduates of the Meherry Medical College performed the operation.

The intestine had broken through the covering known as the peritonum this caused a bagging of the abdomen, accompanied with an amount of fat which gave her no little degree of trouble and inconvenience. Drs. Wilson and Johnson removed a part of the visera which was 2 1-4 feet long and one foot wide, weighing about 18 or 20 pounds, after removal the intestines were placed back in the proper place and the abdomen sewed up again.

### Oklahomans off to the Boston B. M. C. Labor Day In Tulsa



GRAND MASTER E. D. JEFFERSON

The peerless leader of the Odd Fellows of Oklahoma who, with the Oklahoma delegation, is now in Boston attending the 17th B. M. C. This session of the B. M. C. will be one of much interest to Odd Fellows all over the United States. A report of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the STAR.

### Local Business League Is Now Reorganised

New Officers Will Promote The Commer-  
cial Interest of Tulsa

"HARMONY" WAS THE KEYNOTE AND PASS WORD  
OF THE DAY --- BIG MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Enthusiastically declaring themselves in favor of a united effort to build up and promote the interest of the East End, a number of citizens met in the Peoples Social Club room Monday night in answer to a call published in the Star last week, and re-organized the local Business League which has been an inactive body for several months, because it has been such hard matter to get the business men to attend the meetings. Many preliminary speeches were made by those present and after a thorough understanding a complete list of new officers were elected as follows: Lee McGregor, president; Capt. T. D. Jackson, vice president; A. J. Smitherman, Sec. and F. T. Smith Treas. The retiring officers expressed themselves as highly pleased with the new organization and promised their hearty co-operation. Prof. Hughes scored lightly the business men who were not present and urged those present to patronize those

who are in business in the East End. Dr. J. M. Key also made a "Harmony" speech which was frank and to the point. W. L. McKee saved the day when he brought harmony out of what seemed to be a threatening storm of confusion. Lawyer Freeman L. Martin was there and took an active part in bringing about the final results. Captain Jackson waxed into eloquence in nominating A. J. Smitherman for president, but Mr. McGregor who was nominated by the editor was elected by a good majority.

President McGregor appointed the following committee to draft by laws and constitution for the organization: J. H. Roberts, Chairman, F. R. Williams and J. W. Hughes. Lawyer Hutchins was one of the leading lights of the meeting and manifested a keen interest in the proceedings. There is no doubt that the new organization will be of much benefit to the business people in the East End as well as the professional people. The officers of

### COLORED UNION MEN SEEN IN PARADE

Labor Day was celebrated in gala style in this city last Monday. A big industrial parade was the feature of the day and thousands of visitors from neighboring towns came in to see and take part in the great parade and gale ty of the day. The parade, which was the best ever seen in this city begun about 10 o'clock A. M. and it was near 11:30 when the last float passed and the echoes from two good bands had died away. All the union organizations of the city were represented in the parade as was also organizations from other towns. The carpenters, brick masons and plasterers unions of this city and the Miners union at Hickory have recognized no color line in their organizations and in these organizations the Negro has been given the same chance to earn a livelihood along side of his white brother and so far as we know no contamination has set in and there has been no complaint from either the White or Colored laborers.

Garbed in blue overalls and black caps the colored boys of these unions formed a line and headed by a blazing banner which read: "EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL, SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO NONE" these black laborers marched in regular time with others in the parade, and they made a splendid appearance. Not a single Indian was seen in the line.

the new organization are planing to give a public installation which will be celebrated with an elaborate banquet.

The following persons gave their names as members of the new League: W. L. McKee, F. L. Martin, F. R. Williams, J. W. Hughes, F. T. Smith, J. S. Kirby, J. B. Stradford, G. W. Hutchins, Dr. B. W. Bryant, Dr. J. M. Key, John Evans, J. H. Roberts, Dr. H. H. James, R. Jackson, J. L. Lockard, Jas. Cherry, Wm. Jenkins, Dr. J. J. McKeaner, Dr. A. F. Bryant and J. H. Wells.

A still bigger meeting is expected Monday night when the committee on by laws and constitution will make its report. The meeting will be held in the Peoples Social Club room, in the new Gurley building. Many ladies have promised to attend the meeting Monday night.

### NOTICE

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We have received complaint that Lynwood has accepted money for advertising or printing for The Tulsa Star, but we have not received the money nor the printing, and should not be held responsible for it.

Respectfully,  
A. J. SMITHERMAN.

The Midland Valley railroad has granted reduced rates from all points on its line between Muskogee and Tulsa for the benefit of those who wish to attend the big celebration picnic Sept. 22nd. A large number of people are expected to be present for the occasion and the Colored citizens of Haskell are making great preparation for them. White people and Indians will also attend the festivities.